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SUBJECT: AFRICAN GROUP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23

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1. AFRICAN GROUP REPORTEDLY ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CREDENTIALS AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23. DECISION APPARENTLY WAS MADE TO / SPARE/ PRESIDENT THORN FROM HAVING TO MAKE A RULING WHICH WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND AFRICANS AGREE THAT UPON RECEIPT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT, REJECTING SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS, A MOTION WILL BE MADE IN THE PLENARY TO CONTINUE SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN GA. AFRICANS REASON THAT VOTE THEN WOULD BE HELD, MOTION WOULD SUCCEED, AND THORN WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE A RULING. ABOVE SCENARIO IS BASED, OF COURSE, ON SUPPOSITION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL PRESENT CREDENTIALS.

3. RUMOR MILL NOW CRANKING OUT STORY -- WHICH WE TEND TO DISCOUNT -- THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA WILL
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PRESENT HIMSELF ON AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 1, WHEN IDI

AMIN IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. BOTHA WOULD PROFESS TO BE
THE VOICE OF REASON, COME TO HEAR THE OAU. THIS SEEMS
TO US TOO CUTE TO BE LIKELY.
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